

Greenfield July 15th 1856

Dear James

We have been all very anxious to hear of your welfares. We thought that you might be waiting on Mary's coming. but that is at an end now. as she was married last wednesday, and is gone to St. Mary's when her husband is settled as minister. He is a remarkably fine man, and she may be very happy if God blesses them with health.

Had your mother been any way strong, Mary would have come to you for a little, but I am afraid to let her away lest your mother injure herself. She is still bad with her liver, and never will be better, the Doctor says.

The weather has been very hot and dry for some time. Mowing about finished. crop heavy and finely sowed. Wheat rather light.

The Mill has been kept going
day and night this summer, and
paying well. I am sorry to find
that Wm is far off to the south in
the fall again. He is keeping pretty
well. In two weeks, I intend going
to Iowa to see your Uncle Gilbert.
Sidney is busy getting his saw mill
up, and John is preparing for his
shave machine. We will take all the
cash that can be spared until he
get going. Then I wish some for
you to enable you to do something for
yourself. We speak of your going
to Virginia. Let me know what you
think of doing. I saw in a paper
last night of great hydrophobia in
Paterson. I hope that you are all safe.

The time of the Tribune will be near
out I want you to pay for another
year, and let me know when the
time is up. I could not do without it
in these interesting times. I hope that all
of you are well, and pray that God may guide
and direct you and enable you to do his holy will.
Write on receipt of this your aff. To the John Golden